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Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital and Trauma Care Centre on KRS Road

Beds readied at the inpatient department of Trauma Care Centre on KRS Road this morning.

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (MTY&BCT)- In a major boost for healthcare sector in Mysuru, two newly built and so far unused huge specialist hospitals will start functioning from tomorrow (Feb. 6). The hospitals are Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital and Trauma Care Centre.

Though these new hospitals were built years ago, they were lying unused, depriving medical services to the people, especially the poor and economically backward residents in the region as the hospitals lacked doctors, nursing and other support staff as well as major equipment.

The Trauma Care Centre and the Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital, all on the KRS Road on the premises of PKTB Sanatorium, have remained a non-starter — they were not being used for the purpose for which they were built. Both hospitals come under the administration of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI).

(See HOSPITALS on page 7)

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Former Pak President Pervez Musharraf dies

Islamabad, Feb. 5- Former Pakistan President and retired Military Chief Pervez Musharraf passed away today after a prolonged illness at an American hospital in Dubai. He was 79.

Pervez Musharraf

Family sources said that the former four-star General succumbed to Amyloidosis. He was reportedly hospitalised for a couple of weeks due to a complication of his ailment. Musharraf's family had last year tweeted from his official account that 'recovery is not possible.'

Musharraf was born in Delhi during the British rule and raised in Karachi and Istanbul. He became the tenth President of Pakistan after a successful Military coup in 1999. He served as the 10th Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC) of Pakistan from 1998 to 2001 and the 7th top General from 1998 to 2007.

The former military ruler was declared a fugitive in former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto murder case and Red Mosque cleric killing case. He was also facing treason charges for suspending the Constitution in 2007. There's no official communication on whether his mortal remains will be brought back to Pakistan.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 5th February 2023

Convocation of JSS AHER on Feb. 6

Mysuru, Feb. 5- The 13th Convocation of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) will take place at Sri Rajendra auditorium in JSS Medical College premises at 11 am on Feb. 6.

RSS Sarkaryavah (General Secretary) Dattatreya Hosabale will deliver the Convocation address. Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion, while JSS AHER Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh will deliver the welcome speech.

A total of 2,339 students will receive their Degrees and Diplomas in various faculties, while 65 candidates will be awarded Doctor of Philosophy degree, 25 candidates - Master of Philosophy degree and 6 candidates will be conferred with Doctorate in Medicine and MCh degrees.

Also, 60 academic toppers will be presented with 83 Medals and awards for exceptional academic performance.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Leo Tolstoy observed, "In the best, the friendliest and simplest relations flattery or praise is necessary, just as grease is necessary to keep wheels turning." A dollop of genuine appreciation can create harmony in the worst of situations. It can be encouraging and empowering and help a person to straddle across impediments confidence. However, one has to be very careful and alert about a sudden shower of attention or praises heaped upon self from unexpected quarters, lest it leads you into the ravines of risks.

A story from Vishnu Purana encapsulates this syndrome through the story of Bali Chakravarthy. The Asura king had gained accolades from one and all for his munificence and just rule.

Once he organised a great Yajna and set up a customary committee to dispense charity. Since he wanted to be unique, he made it a point to give exactly what was sought by the seeker. This generous gesture ushered in overwhelming compliments. The constant shower of praises compelled the emperor to excel himself.

At that time, Maha Vishnu manifested himself as a young Brahmin boy and appeared at the sacrificial site. He got into a conversation with Mahabali and told him that he had come from afar after hearing about the bounteousness of the latter.

Bali was amused to see the youngster mouth commendations that he was so accustomed to. He offered to give the boy whatever he wanted.

When he learned that the boy wanted three feet of land measuring his foot size, the patron felt belittled and encouraged the boy to ask for more. When the boy stuck to his demand and reiterated the tribute, Shukracharya, the Guru of Mahabali, suspected something fishy. However, the benefactor turned a deaf ear to caution and proceeded to give three paces of land. Even as he was ready to measure the little feet, he saw a mammoth giant towering above him. He was taken aback. His values would not allow him to go back on his words so he allowed Trivikrama to measure the earth, the heavens and his own head by way of charity.

Mahabali had enough intelligence to see that the request of charity was not normal but his ego succumbed to unwarranted praise and his eventual death. It is another story that Mahabali gained greater glory through his generous act. —*S. Radha Prathi in Deccan Herald*

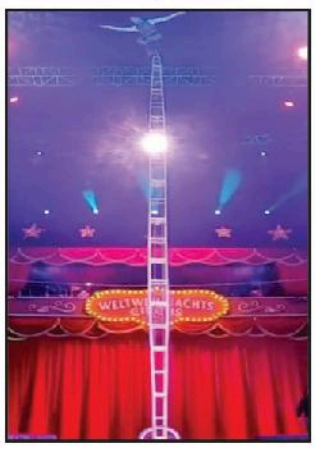
NEWS SPARKLERS

9-year-old finds 15-million-year-old megalodon tooth

Maryland: A Maryland 9-year-old searching for shark teeth on a beach made her largest discovery to date — a 15 million-year-old megalodon tooth. Molly Sampson was out searching for shark teeth on Calvert County Cliffs on Christmas Day when she found a megalodon tooth the size of her hand.

"I couldn't believe it, it was so exciting. I usually find little ones, I never thought I would find a big one like that," Sampson told. Sampson took her discovery to the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomon's Island, where experts confirmed it was an ancient megalodon tooth. "Based on where she found it on Calvert cliff, we estimate that it's about 15 million years old," said Stephen Godfrey, the museum's curator of paleontology. Sampson said she hopes to become a paleontologist when she grows up.

Tallest ridable unicycle!



Florida: A Florida man earned a Guinness World Record after building a 31-foot, 10-inch tall unicycle and taking it for a ride. Guinness World Records said Wesley Williams' latest unicycle broke his own previous record for the world's tallest ridable unicycle.

Williams, 25, of Florida, broke the record just over a year after breaking his back during a unicycle crash in the semi-final of Spain's Got Talent 2021. Williams survived a fall of 27 feet that required five surgeries.

Guinness World Records required Williams to ride his tall unicycle a distance of at least 27 feet, 10 inches, which he accomplished at Weltweihnachts Circus in Stuttgart, Germany.

HEALTH CAPSULE

A screening with urine culture and sensitivity should be done in early pregnancy, since UTIs can cause major complications later in the pregnancy.

By Dr. Amulya K.G. - Consultant – Obstetrics and Gynecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Joyalukkas Jewellery unveils new range of 'BeMine' Collection

Offers exciting discounts on diamonds for Valentine's Day

Mysuru, Feb. 5- World's favourite jeweller, Joyalukkas, has unveiled a new range of designs under its popular "BeMine" Collection and has also announced a special Valentine's Day offer for jewellery shoppers.

Customers can now choose their favourites from the enchanting 'BeMine' Collection and enjoy a flat 25 percent discount on diamonds during the offer period.

The intricately crafted 'BeMine' Collection features intimate heart-themed jewellery, ranging from pendants to rings and bracelets in certified diamond, rose gold and yellow gold. This collection is designed to reflect the warmth of togetherness, celebrate timeless love and is paired with an exciting offer to make Valentine's Day special for jewellery shoppers.

Unveiling the new bespoke range under the 'BeMine' Collection, Joy Alukkas, Managing Director, Joyalukkas Group, said, "Love is the strongest of all emotions and our 'BeMine' collection crafted by master artisans reflects the same passion and timeless love. This special collection has been immensely popular with our patrons in the past. This year, with added designs and styles, we have evolved to align with all the latest trends and customer demands.

An exclusive offer of 25 percent discount on diamonds is sure to add to the celebrations and appeal to people and jewellery lovers from all generations who want to gift a token of love to their special one on Valentine's Day."

Shoppers can enjoy this exciting Valentine's Day promotional offer across all state-of-the-art Joyalukkas Showrooms including Mysuru from Feb. 3 to 14.

REALLY...?

- ***Deserts have very low precipitation with rare rain flow possibilities, then snowfall sounds impossible. But it is true. This impossible phenomenon occurred in 2018, and the Sahara Desert got covered fully in a blanket of white snow. However, the snow lasted for a day.***
- ***Snowfall has been recorded many times in the desert over the last decades, most recently in January 2022. The very first snowfall was recorded in 1979, which was a snowstorm that lasted half an hour. So, snowfall may seem unusual here but is not uncommon.***
- ***Being regarded as the highest untiered waterfall in India, Jog drops from the height of 829 feet. With an average water flow rate of 5387 cu ft/s, Jog is ranked 13th in the world by waterfall database.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.13
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.39
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.01

VOICE OF THE READER

Rebuild Lansdowne building,

Devaraja Market in heritage style

Sir,

If toilets can be built in heritage style, why not raze Lansdowne building and the Devaraja market and Maharani's College building and rebuild in heritage style (façade) with modern amenities. The Lansdowne building can be built with several floors all of which can be of heritage style with the ground zero being developed as a two and four-wheeler (pay and park) parking lot, public toilet and autorickshaw stand (with pre-paid counter).

Similar initiative can be taken in the case of Devaraja Market. The commercial space can be provided to those affected by the building collapse on a priority basis but as per market rent and a fixed tenure with no option to sublet and conduct public auction for the additional commercial space for a fixed tenure.

Thereafter auction to be held once every 5 years for a tenure of 5 year with no option of sub-letting and only inheritance right for the remaining tenure.

The tenants must form an association (for a tenure of 5 years) who will be responsible for the maintenance of the building and the responsibility to ensure all tenants or occupants pay property tax during the validity of the tenure).

—George Rego

Mysuru
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Hope-A-Thon Torchlight Parade marks World Cancer Day

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (KS)- As part of World Cancer Day, Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology (BHIO), in association with Cycle Pure Agarbathi, had organised Hope-A-Thon, a Torchlight Parade from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace in city yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar, Managing Director of BHIO and Executive Chairman of HCG Hospital, said: "In 2022 alone, India had 14.61 lakh people who developed cancer and it was one of the leading causes of death for India. By 2025, India is expected to have 29 million cancer cases. Karnataka alone had nearly 90,000 cancer cases in 2021 and an Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) study says Karnataka's cancer cases will go up by another 90,000 by the year 2025. We at BHIO and HCG see an increasing number of lung cancers daily. As a cancer specialist, I can say with conviction that tobacco is one of the single largest contributors to people getting cancer. Mere tobacco control will not do. It must be banned to save lives."

He further said that Mysuru should show the way to the rest of the country in initiating various steps to ban tobacco consumption and production and added that there is a need to increase the legal smoking age periodically, on the lines of New Zealand, to prevent future generations from tobacco use.

Dr. Ajaikumar said that there is a need to educate farmers in and around Mysuru who grow tobacco to stop growing it.

Arjun Ranga, MD of Cycle Pure Agarbathi, who was the chief guest, said: "We are humbled to extend support to Hope-A-Thon Torchlight Parade which is a good initiative towards spreading more awareness around cancer. This initiative is a powerful reminder that together, we can make a difference in the fight against this devastating disease. Let's join forces and work towards a future where cancer is no longer a threat to our loved ones and communities."

Participants from various institutions and organisations took part in the Torchlight Parade. Principal of Police Training School M.S. Geetha Prasanna, Senior Radiation Oncologist and Medical Superintendent of BHIO Dr. Y.S. Madhavi, BHIO Centre Manager Nirmala K. Murthy and others were present.

Discount sale of branded readymade garments

Mysuru, Feb. 5- The sale of branded readymade garments, including national and international brands, with huge discount, which began at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city on Jan. 27, will conclude today (Feb. 5).

The sale is open between 10 am and 10 pm.

Variety of branded readymade garments — ladies, gents and kids wear — like shirts, pants, T-shirts, bermudas, ladies kurtis, pajamas, kids dresses, kids shirts, pants and bedsheets are sold at low rate with huge discount.

Girls tops, jeans pants, cotton pants, T-shirts, fancy dress jackets and variety of panties and bras are also available.

Along with this, there are divan sets, sofa covers, sofa-sets and table cloths too, according to a press release.

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Sri Shivayogi Siddarameshwara Jayanthi at Kalamandira

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (SSM)- The District Administration and the Department of Kannada and Cultural have jointly organised Sri Shivayogi Siddarameshwara Jayanthi celebrations at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road tomorrow (Feb. 6) at 11.30 am.

Bhovi Gurupeeta Mutt Seer Sri Immadi Siddarameshwara Swamiji will grace the occasion. District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar will inaugurate the programme while MLA L. Nagendra will preside.

Mayor Shivakumar, MPs Pratap Simha, Sreenivasa Prasad and Sumalatha Ambarish will be the chief guests. MLAs Tanveer Sait, S.R. Mahesh, G.T. Devegowda, K. Mahadev, Harshavardhan, Ashwin Kumar, H.P. Manjunath, S.A. Ramdas, Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah & C. Anil Kumar, MLCs, Chairmen of various Boards and Corporations will be present, according to Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudharshan.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Coaching for departmental exams

The Mysuru district Unit of Karnataka State Government Employees Association will be conducting coaching classes for departmental exams, at the Association Office on Dhanvantri Road in city. The classes will take place daily from 6 pm to 8 pm. Interested employees can register their name from tomorrow (Feb. 6), according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 97313-43030/ 96862-51034.

Bengaluru Chalo

Seeking minimum monthly wage of Rs. 31,500, in keeping with high inflation and rising cost of living, Anganawadi Workers under the banner of AITUC- affiliated Karnataka State Anganawadi Workers and Helpers Federation, will take out Bengaluru Chalo March from the city on Feb. 8. For details, contact Mob: 76761- 58149, according to a press release.

Preliminary meeting

The Kannada and Culture Department will hold a preliminary meeting at Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office on Feb. 7 to discuss celebrations of various Jayantis. The preliminary meeting to discuss about Sevalal Jayanti will be held at 11 am which will be followed by discussions related to Chhatrapati Shivaji Jayanti celebrations at 11.20 am and Sarvajna Jayanti at 11.40 am. The meeting will be chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) R. Lokanath, according to a press release from Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan.

50 percent rebate on pending traffic violation fine

City Police net Rs. 50.23 lakh in two days

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (SBD&BS)- As soon as 50 percent discount (rebate) on pending fines towards traffic violations was announced, there has been a rush of people to Police Stations to encash the offer. In the City alone, a total of Rs. 50,23,950 fine was collected in two days, disposing 23,576 cases, including Feb. 3 and Feb. 4.

ACP (Traffic) H. Parashuramappa told *Star of Mysore* "There has been an overwhelming response ever since it was announced to provide 50 percent rebate on pending fine amount towards traffic offences, except drunk driving cases. Over Rs. 50 lakh fine has been collected in two days."

On Feb. 4 alone, a total of Rs. 46,56,800 from 21,842 cases was collected which included Rs. 1,26,250 from 580 cases at Devaraja Traffic Police Station, Rs. 3.77 lakh from 1,973 cases at Krishnaraja Traffic Police Station, Rs 5,56,850 from 2,811 cases at Narasimharaja Traffic Police Station, Rs. 2,85,600 from 1,339 cases at Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Station, Rs. 3,23,800 from 1,539 cases at V. V. Puram Traffic Police Station, Rs. 1.02 lakh from 479 cases at Traffic Management Centre, Rs. 26,21,950 from 12,000 cases on hand held devices and Rs 2,63,350 from 1,121 cases through Karnataka One App.

On Feb. 3, total of Rs. 3,67,150 fine was collected from 1,734 cases including Rs. 15,150 from 85 cases at Devaraja Traffic Police Station, Rs. 13,200 from 59 cases at Krishnaraja Traffic Police Station, Rs. 21,850 from 124 cases at Narasimharaja Traffic Police Station, Rs. 8,150 from 27 cases at Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Station and Rs. 11,100 from 16 cases at V V Puram Traffic Police Station.

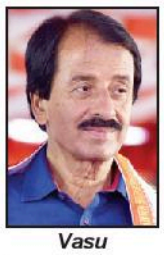
Besides, Rs 2,06,300 was collected from 1,075 cases by the Traffic Police on hand held devices, Rs. 250 from one case at Traffic Management Centre and Rs. 91,150 from 347 cases on Karnataka One App.

Following the opinion that came up during the meeting of High Court Judge Justice B. Veerappa, also the Chairman of Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, in view of Lok Adalat, the Department of Transport had submitted a proposal in this regard to the Government. The Government approved the proposal and issued an order on Feb. 2 announcing 50 percent rebate in fine amount, applicable for one time, till Feb. 11.

Utilising this opportunity, the offenders can pay the fine amount and obtain the challan, at their respective Traffic Police Stations, Traffic Management Centre at Police Commissioner's Office, Karnataka One Centre or App or on Hand Held Device of the Police Officers and obtain receipt.

Vasu will get Congress ticket from Chamaraja, says former CM

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (MTY&DM)- Even as the Congress is yet to finalise its list of candidates for the forthcoming Assembly polls, former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Dr. M. Veerappa Moily said that former MLA Vasu will get the Congress ticket from Chamaraja Assembly segment.



Vasu

Speaking to presspersons after visiting the residence of Vasu at Jayalakshmipuram here on Saturday, Moily, who is also a former Union Minister, said that Vasu is a winnable candidate and as such he would be getting the Congress ticket from Chamaraja Constituency.

Pointing out that Vasu is a staunch Congressman, who has stood by the party for decades, Moily said that the Congress cannot deny ticket to Vasu as he will always remain in the party.

Asserting that there is no factionalism in the Congress, Moily said that Narasimharaja (NR) MLA Tanveer Sait too is a staunch Congressman, who has won many times from his Constituency.

Maintaining that the Congress would give tickets only to deserving candidates, he reiterated that original Congressmen will get priority in the allocation of tickets for the forthcoming Assembly polls.

Referring to the remarks of former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, Moily said that Dr. Parameshwar has not resigned as the President of Congress Manifesto Committee as reported in some sections.

Stating that he has spoken to Dr. Parameshwar, he asserted that the Congress manifesto will be prepared only under his (Dr. Parameshwar) leadership. There is nothing like D.K. Shivakumar faction, Siddharamaiah faction or other factions in the State Congress, he contended that there is only one faction, that is Congress.

K. Harish Gowda says Vasu will get Congress ticket

Meanwhile, in an interesting development, Congress leader K. Harish Gowda, who is also a strong aspirant for the Congress ticket from Chamaraja Constituency, said that Vasu is going to get the party ticket.

Harish Gowda

Harish Gowda told presspersons on Friday that Vasu is a senior leader of the party and has a good following in the Constituency, which he has once represented.

Noting that he believes that Vasu was surely get the ticket, he maintained that he would work for the party's victory, no matter who gets the Assembly poll ticket. "I will work for ensuring the Congress victory in all other Assembly segments of the district," Harish Gowda added.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	112.98 feet
Yesterday	:	113.10 feet
Inflow	:	373 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,212 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,271.38 feet
Inflow	:	101 cusecs
Outflow	:	500 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,829.02 feet
Inflow	:	94 cusecs
Outflow	:	70 cusecs

Congress complains to Regional Commissioner on non-conduct of MCC Standing Committee polls

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (SBD&DM)- With Mayor Shivakumar abruptly calling off the meeting to elect the Chairpersons of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Standing Committees that has long remained pending, the opposition Congress on Saturday, petitioned the Mysuru Regional Commissioner seeking issuance of a direction for conduct of polls.

A Congress delegation comprising of City Congress President R. Murthy, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, former Mayor Ayub Khan, Corporators H.M. Shantakumari, Sridhar, Gopi and Pradeep Chandra, leaders Shoukath, Shivanna, Mahesh and others, visited the Regional Commissioner's Office and submitted a memorandum, which was received by Additional Regional Commissioner P. Shivaraju on behalf of the Regional Commissioner Dr. G.C. Prakash.

The Congress leaders, in their memorandum said that the meeting to elect Chairpersons of MCC Standing Committees was scheduled to take place at 10.30 am on Feb. 2. But Mayor Shivakumar did not turn up even at 12 noon, following which he abruptly postponed the election without giving any reason, which is against the law.

Pointing out that the Standing Committees had no heads for the past 14 months, they argued that this has adversely impacted developmental and public works.

Contending that the non conduct of election is an insult to taxpayers and would also impede the MCC Budget (2023-24) presentation, the memorandum urged the Regional Commissioner to order immediate conduct of the Standing Committee election.

'Swachh Mandira Abhiyana' to be launched from Nimishamba Temple

Shashikala Jolle

Rohini Sindhuri

12 Temples run by Muzrai Department under the novel scheme; inauguration on Feb. 10

Temples chosen for the project

Sri Nimishamba Temple and Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangapatna, Sri Banashankari Temple in Bengaluru, Sri Ghati Subramanya Swamy Temple in Bengaluru Rural, Sri Revannasiddeshwara Temple and Sri Kengal Anjaneyaswamy Temple in Ramanagara, Sri Kebbalamma Temple in Kanakapura, Sri Channakeshava Swamy Temple in Belur, Sri Polali Raja Rajeshwari and Mandarthi Sri Durgaparameshwari Temples in Dakshina Kannada, Sri Guru Thipperudraswamy Temple at Nayakanahatti in Chitradurga and Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple at Devarayanadurga in Tumakuru.

Bengaluru, Feb. 5 (BCT)- The Karnataka Government will walk the talk with regard to the old adage 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' and declare Temples run by Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Muzrai) Department as 'Zero Waste' centres.

Initially, the 'Swachh Mandira Abhiyana' will be implemented in 12 Temples across the State and the project will be inaugurated at Sri Nimishamba Temple at Ganjam in Srirangapatna of Mandya District on Feb. 10 by Muzrai Minister Shashikala. A. Jolle.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru yesterday, Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Rohini Sindhuri said that 12 important Temples have been chosen under the first phase of the project including Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangapatna.

Waste processing plants

"The concept envisages setting up waste processing plants inside Temple premises and converting 'nairmalya' (waste) generated by Temples every day into compost, instead of sending it to landfills. We are rolling out the concept based on the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Rohini Sindhuri said.

The Muzrai Minister will launch the project at the Sri Nimishamba Temple and similar launches will happen at all the other 11 Temples through video-conferencing, she added.

Each Temple generates around 3,500 kgs to 12,000 kgs of waste daily including flowers, banana leaves used for serving food, food waste, coconut shells, areca nut plates, lemons, bamboo baskets, clothes left behind and even plastic products.

Safeguarding environment

"Under the 'Swachh Mandira Abhiyana,' there will be a focused effort towards waste management. Most Temples in Karnataka are in pristine locations and it is high time we prevented the degradation of the environment there. We will streamline collection, transportation, treatment, and disposal of waste in these Temples," said Rohini Sindhuri.

She said the project not only brings about a behavioural change among people with regard to cleanliness, but will also reduce damage to the environment. "As most offerings to the deity are biodegradable, it is prudent to convert it into compost instead of transporting it to landfills," she added.

Independent studies point to floral waste being a major contaminant in water bodies. While flowers rot and affect water quality, chemicals used on them will take a toll on marine life. "We'll convert waste flowers into organic manure," she added.

This is a big push from the Government itself in the State-owned Temples. This also reduces dependency of Temples on Local Urban Bodies for the disposal of waste. Apart from infrastructure creation, Temple staff, officers and committees will be sensitised on waste management.

Leopard trapped near Yelwal

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (MTY&KS)- A two-year-old leopardess, which had created panic among villagers of Mydanahalli and surrounding villages in Yelwal hobli of the taluk, has been trapped in the cage placed by the Forest Department.

The leopard had attacked livestock and following complaint from the villagers, the Forest staff had placed a cage at an agricultural field and had placed a dog as bait.

The leopardess, which walked into the cage to devour the dog, was trapped and the Forest staff have released it into a forest.

DCF Basavaraj said that the leopardess was trapped in the early hours of Friday and the Forest Department, which took custody of the big cat, released it into the Forest later.

Cow carcass at Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar; Forest Department denies big cat attack: Meanwhile, a carcass of a partially devoured cow was found at Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar, a few days ago, triggered suspicion of a leopard attack. Forest Department staff, who inspected the spot, said that the cow had died a natural death and confirmed that stray dogs had eaten away a part of the cow body.

During inspection, the Forest staff did not find any clues of leopard attack and even the pug marks were not found. They convinced the public that the cow was not killed by a leopard.

Veteran singer and Padma Bhushan awardee Vani Jayaram dies at 77

Chennai Police register case of unnatural death

Vani Jayaram

Chennai, Feb. 5- Veteran playback singer Vani Jayaram, with more than 10,000 songs to her credit in 19 languages, was found dead at her house on Haddows Road in Nungambakkam, Chennai on Saturday, less than 10 days after being chosen for Padma Bhushan award. She was 78. She was living alone after the passing away of her husband Jayaram in 2018.

A maidservant, who used to do daily chores at her residence, arrived at her home at 11 am and even after repeated ringing of the bell, there was no response from inside. She immediately alerted Vani Jayaram's sister Uma and Police were also informed. Police broke open the door in the presence of Vani Jayaram's relatives and found her dead on the floor of her bedroom with bruises on her forehead. The body was later shifted to a hospital for further examination and post-mortem.

It is suspected that she slipped and banged her head against a table. While more medical details are awaited, forensic experts inspected her house in the evening. A case has been registered under Section 174 (unnatural death) of CrPC and investigation is underway.

Vani Jayaram was born as Kalaivani at Vellore in Tamil Nadu on Nov. 30, 1945. She worked in State Bank of India for sometime and was married to Jayaram. It was her husband who convinced her to pursue a career in music. Vani Jayaram started her career as a playback singer in Marathi cinema, but later made her debut in Hindi and all South Indian film industries. She won the National Film Award for Best Singer thrice and was chosen for Padma Bhushan award this year.

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'Heritage structures can stand for 100 more years'

Mohan Ramanathan of 'Noida Twin-Tower Demolition' fame, bats for the conservation of heritage buildings with the aid of available technology, continuous political will and committed funding. He is also the Founder-Chairman of the Indian Demolition Association (IDA), a first-of-its-kind association which makes it even more interesting to hear him. — Ed

By B. Sreekantswamy

On Aug. 28, 2022, the Supertech Twin Towers, the 40-storeyed, 100-metre-tall building standing on sector-93A, Noida - Greater Noida Expressway at New Okla Industrial Development Authority (Noida) in Uttar Pradesh were demolished.

What drew the attention was the acute planning, timing and implosion method that was deployed to pull down the tallest building in the country, without any scratch, on the back of the Supreme Court order upholding the judgement of the Allahabad High Court.

The insurance cover was for Rs. 100 crore but still the detailing that went into the accomplishment of the task without giving room for any collateral damage, is worth a lengthy discussion.

It has been close to six months since one of the largest demolitions in the country. Yet one man is still much talked about, being on the move, sharing his wide vista of knowledge at various plenums and seminars involving the stakeholders.

Mohan Ramanathan, a Demolition and Recycling Consultant from Chennai in Tamil Nadu, was present at the spot of the twin-tower demolition as he had to report to Supreme Court, Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) and Noida Authority.

He was in our City of Palaces on Saturday (Feb. 4, 2023), where he delivered a talk on the topic 'Engineering Perfection: Noida Twin Towers Demolition.'

In a free-wheeling chat with *Star of Mysore*, **Mohan Ramanathan, who is in his 70s and upright in his approach and airing of views, underlined that the twin-tower demolition was one of its kind that was among the top 10 demolition projects in the world, deploying implosion method — meaning the use of explosives.**

Star of Mysore (SOM): The twin tower was brought to the ground in precisely 'nine' seconds. How can the timing be so perfect?

Mohan Ramanathan: The total time required till the 'last fall' can be predicted on the basis of gravitational force and the first explosion. Moreover, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, that was executed to the 'T', with the rigorous risk involved and planning. You can hear more about this... (hinting at the contents of his talk on the subject available on social media).

Likewise, I handled the demolition works of a 'functionally defunct' power station in Chennai, 343 luxury flats building in Maradu Municipality Area, Kochi, Kerala in January 2020, which was again based on a Supreme Court order (for violation of Coastal Regulatory Zone (CRZ) norms), to name a few among several demolition projects.

SOM: India was earlier split between many princely States and the buildings constructed then, are now considered heritage buildings. In Mysuru too, we have two such buildings — Lansdowne and Devaraja Market, the fate of which hangs between a section of the people who want it to be demolished and concerned people with sentiments towards heritage structures.

Mohan Ramanathan: Heritage buildings can be conserved with the help of technology available that can augment the life of the structure for 100 more years. We should identify the weak points. Moreover, Heritage Architecture is also being taught as a subject and there is also enormous funding by Aga Khan Foundation and several other interested institutes. Most important is continuous political will and committed funding. Or else, we the civil engineers will have no role to play.

SOM: Have you handled the restoration of any such heritage structures?

Mohan Ramanathan: Twenty years back, I re-installed two Vimana Stones of the famed Jagannath Temple at Puri, Odisha that had fallen. I worked on the invitation of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the Government of Odisha.

SOM: When it comes to construction, it is a rather emotional issue. When the buildings attached to such emotional feelings are being razed, aren't you pulled down by such emotions?

Mohan Ramanathan: Yes, there are instances (of witnessing emotional moments), but still I have the responsibility of executing the task I am entrusted with. While demolishing Maradu Towers in Kochi, Kerala, the professor who taught me at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras was one among the residents. He had bought the flat with all his life's savings.

The second such moment, I was witness to, was the wailings of the people whose houses were reduced to rubbles during the earthquake at Bhuj in Gujarat way back in 2001. I had been roped in to demolish partially affected buildings.

SOM: You are more known as 'Demolition Man'...

Mohan Ramanathan (Laughs): Again, demolition is also a part of engineering, but it (Demolition Man) was the prefix that I got from you people (media).

SOM: Being the Founder-Chairman of the Indian Demolition Association (IDA), can you explain more about the activities ahead?

Mohan Ramanathan: After the maiden inaugural convention of IDA held in 2019 in Mumbai, the second annual convention titled DEMTECH-23 is planned at Palace Grounds, Bengaluru on Sept. 28 and 29 this year. The modalities are being worked out.

SOM: What are the challenges ahead for the demolition industry in particular?

Mohan Ramanathan: Recently we had a meeting with stakeholders, with the thrust on proposing to the Government through competent authority to introduce a law so that 25 percent of the building debris should be reused while building the new structure. If not Completion Report (CR) should not be issued. Such a law will definitely compel the building owners to toe the line. The debris is recycled in countries like Belgium, the Netherlands, Singapore and Hong Kong. By bringing such laws, we can meet the target of becoming a net-Zero Carbon Emission Country as propagated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi ■

FROM LEFT: ***Demolition & Recycling Consultant Mohan Ramanathan, Chairman of Association of Consulting Civil Engineers-India (ACCE-I), Mysore Centre, H.S. Deepak and RACE-23 Chairman and Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), Mysuru, Dr. G.P. Chandradhara at Mysore Builders Charitable Trust premises in city yesterday.***

Kanakabhisheka to Swamiji

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (RKB&SSM) - Avadhoota Datta Peetham Junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji offered Kanakabhisheka to Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji on behalf of thousands of devotees gathered at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram premises on Nanjangud Road, as part of Sahasra Chandra Darshana Shanti Mahotsava organised marking the Swamiji's 80th birthday celebrations.

Vishnu Saharsanama was chanted during the Kanakabhisheka. Pradhana Yaga — Ayushya Homa, Lakshmi Narayana Homa were also held on the occasion. Sri Ganapathy Swamiji did Dasha Dana (refers to 10 things that are donated for the poor Brahmins).

All the rituals are being performed to bring peace and prosperity to the world for better rains, crop, health etc.

Non-payment of rent, water bill

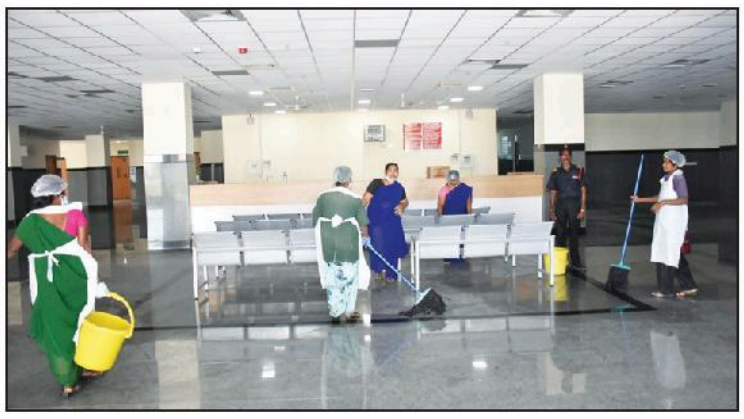
Notice issued to canteen contractor

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (RK&KS)- Following non-payment of rent and water bill since many years, K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. B.L. Nanjundaswamy, on Jan. 30, has issued a notice in this regard to T.P. Krishnappa, the person, who is running the K.R. Hospital canteen.

According to the notice, the rent for the canteen has not been paid since March 2022 and there is a balance of Rs. 5,22,407 towards water bill (RR Meter No. 26701) from 2003 till Jan. 16, 2023, as per Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities.

MCC officials said that the water supply connection was disconnected in March 2017 and K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent has asked Krishnappa to give an explanation within two days of him receiving the notice as to how he got the water connection and has also asked to clear arrears since 2003 and produce the receipt.

Two more Govt. hospitals operational from Feb. 6



A front view of the Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital on KRS Road. Picture right shows workers engaged in cleaning the premises of the hospital this morning.

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Only the District Hospital on the same road has become fully functional now as this hospital was the dedicated hospital for COVID patients both in the killer first wave and second wave.

Multiple facilities

According to a press release from Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), from Feb. 6, facilities like plastic surgery, orthopaedics, paediatric surgery, neurology, neuro-surgery, urology, nephrology, gastroenterology, medical oncology, surgical oncology and Out-Patient Departments will function at the Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital.

The Trauma Care Centre will have an inpatient department comprising 130 beds and surgery departments. Facilities will be made available for lab investigation tests both for inpatients and outpatients at PKTB&CD Hospital, the press note added.

As of now, the hospitals will function from 9 am to 4 pm and the timings will be extended depending on the situation and need.

Elite Government hospital

The 250-bed Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital is located behind the Trauma Centre and is dedicated to Princess Krishnajammanni of the erstwhile Mysore royal family. Built at an estimated cost of Rs. 134 crore, the Hospital joins the list of many elite Government hospitals in the city.

House-keeping staff at work at the Trauma Care Centre today.

The Super-Speciality Hospital has an approximate built area of 2,20,676.84 sq.ft with each floor having over 40,000 sq. ft of space to accommodate the departments and other facilities.

The 135-bed Trauma Care Centre has been built at a cost of Rs. 30 crore to provide timely and emergency treatment. It was built across 80 acres of PKTB Sanatorium campus as the casualty wing at K.R. Hospital was recording nearly 1,500 accident victims.

It was built to cater to the needs of road accident victims of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu and can handle 135 patients. It can add up to 200 more beds with an oxygen supply for future requirements as it has been designed to accommodate additional beds.

Though the facilities were inaugurated by political leaders, the hospitals remained unutilised and unavailable to the public. Earlier, the MMC&RI authorities had sought 850 posts, including doctors, nursing staff, Group D and C to the needs of the hospitals but successive State Governments chose to put the request in cold storage.

Use during 2020, 2021

However, in 2020 and 2021, the hospitals were temporarily used for treating COVID-19 patients. They came in very handy to combat the pandemic. But after the pandemic, the facilities were again unused after the COVID-19 cases came under control. In fact, in 2021, the Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital ran on a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model during the peak of the COVID pandemic.

The patient load and pressure on K.R. Hospital, also attached to MMC&RI, would be eased once the Trauma Care Centre and the Super Speciality Hospitals become fully functional.

Phase-wise opening

Both the hospitals will be operational phase-wise. The project to renovate K.R. Hospital at a cost of Rs. 89 crore is beginning soon and we have to de-congest the Hospital. As such, we are diverting the crowd to these new hospitals. We have made all the necessary arrangements including ventilators at the new hospitals. Some more equipment is coming. Even the existing doctors and staff have been allocated. Also, tenders have been floated to appoint new technicians and paramedics.

—Dr. K.R. Dakshayini, Dean and Director, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI)

Shift roadside vendors from Raja Marga near Palace: MP

Lights to glow on entire Ring Road in two weeks

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (MTY&BS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has directed the officials to shift roadside vendors who have occupied either side of Raja Marga, around the core area of Mysore Palace.

Chairing a meeting to review the progress of works under PM's Street Vendors Ata Nirbhar Nidhi (PM-SVANidhi) at Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) yesterday, Pratap Simha said that the beauty around Mysore Palace should be maintained as the City is evolving as the biggest and beautiful place of the State. "It is imperative to make changes accordingly in the wake of surge in number of tourists visiting the city due to Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, train and air connectivity," he added.

Hence, the roadside vendors around Palace should be allotted separate zones, so that the vendors will be benefited without inconveniencing either people or traffic. A date should be fixed for inspection, the MP directed the officials.

The tourists and public alike moving on Raja Marga face severe inconvenience due to roadside vendors and other vendors on foot. On the other hand, traffic density is also high and there are complaints of harassment from transgenders on motorists who demand money. The MP directed MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy to instruct officials to look into the issue. In reference to roadside vendors, Pratap Simha said "Exclusive hawker zones should be created for the benefit of residents at each wards to access essential items, food and other articles. In all 12 Street Vending Zones have been planned and four among them are approved. Under PM SVANidhi alone, 15,000 hawkers have been identified in Mysuru who are provided with ID cards, licence and micro credit of Rs. 10,000 for each of 11,800 among the total hawkers."

Simha also set a deadline for the officials to complete works on installing electric poles on Outer-Ring Road (ORR) by two weeks. The ORR which had plunged into dark is now lit up with LED bulbs. While the works are underway at some places, mini mast lights should be installed at those places where the lux is dim and complete the total works by two weeks. By month end, the total stretch of ORR should be lit up with LED bulbs, MP added.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy explained that the works on installing cables on ORR are 99 percent complete, with the works on installing High Mast lights only pending.

"Of the plans to install 4,300 LED bulbs in the city, 4,236 bulbs have been installed, with the pending works on installing 60 mini high mast lights. In all 18 dark spots have been identified and mini high mast lights will be installed at such places. Centralised Control and Monitoring System (CCMS) will be installed at 90 places to switch on and off the lights and the works have been completed at 70 places, and pending works in remaining 20 places will be completed by two or three days."

During the same time, 20 high mast lights will be installed. But there has been a delay in supply of lights and action will be taken to complete the works by another 15 to 20 days, MCC Commissioner Lakshmikantha Reddy said.

The contractor present at the meeting said that at some places, the electricity poles are weak, while at some other places they are broken due to accidents and other reasons. "Such poles are being replaced by new poles. At other places, the poles should be strengthened with concrete and it requires minimum of 20 days for curing," he added.

Mysuru Book Clubs to launch Writer's Club for women

Novel initiative in city to kindle interest in reading successfully completes a decade

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (BCT)- To mark a decade of its establishment, the Mysuru Book Clubs will launch a 'Writer's Club' exclusively for women this year. The Mysuru Book Clubs officially called 'Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 (Estd.) began in principle in 2012 and opened its doors for membership in 2015.

The Club has so far initiated book clubs for ages 3 to 80 years to kindle interest in reading. These Book Clubs have also been extended to orphanages, slums, schools housing differently-abled children and senior citizen's homes.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Founder of Mysuru Book Clubs Shubha Sanjay Urs said that the Writer's Club will be a place for writers and aspiring writers to learn the craft of writing.

"The Writer's Club proposes to encourage more women to write and it will start with various writing exercises which will help them channel their thoughts and put them into words in a way that satisfies their creativity. It will lead up to writing a journal, a short story or a piece of poetry, giving the participants a taste of what it feels like to be a published author," Shubha said. Details of the Writer's Club will soon be shared on the website *https://www.mysuruliteraturefestival.com/*

"On completion of a decade and stepping into our 11th year, we have ushered in the New Year with a new concept called 'Monthly author meets and talks'. The first of this series was held recently at Bopy's Restaurant in their outdoor area," she added.

"The discussion started with acknowledging what the COVID-19 pandemic had collectively done to us as a group: The desire to maintain the status quo and remain in one's own social bubbles. We started the discussion by floating the idea that we should all get out of our comfort zones and venture out to do something new or do something we have avoided doing," Shubha Sanjay Urs said.

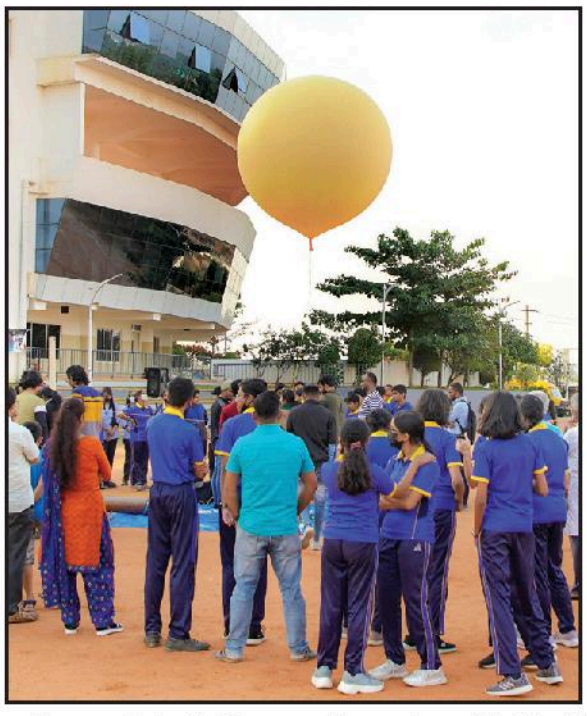
The year's activity began with *"Tara and Sandy: Slow Dance of Infinite Stars"* by **Sita Bhaskar** *(sitting fourth from right - front row)* where she spoke about co-authoring the book with Sabarna Roy, someone she had never met.

Shying away from the idea initially when Sabarna Roy approached her to write the book with him, she got out of her comfort zone and agreed to be his co-author. The freedom she found in this new approach made her tell her audience not to box themselves into the true-and-tried boundaries but venture forth and push limits, one step at a time.

It is a book of letters exchanged by two school friends who briefly meet at the airport and exchange their mail addresses and years later they start writing to each other. It is a beautifully crafted book where letters go back and forth where Tara and Sandy exchange and share their life stories interspersed with philosophy, bad marriage and relationships.

In an age where letter writing has gone out of style, this book brings in a fresh breath of air. Sita read out interesting parts of the letter and made the members of the Club ask: Did Tara and Sandy ever meet?

Helium balloon launched at Excel Public School



Mysuru, Feb. 5- Mysuru will soon be the site of a state-of-the-art Planetarium and Research Centre COSMOS (Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre), which is under construction at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

COSMOS, Mysuru, will have world class projection technology (Digistar 7) as well as facilities for collaboration with research organisations from across the world.

COSMOS is a result of an MoU between the University of Mysore (UoM) and Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru.

Excel Public School at Hootagalli Industrial Area, Mysuru, has recently been selected as an ISRO Space Tutor and is committed to educate the students of Mysuru in Satellite Technology and Space Science.

As part of this programme, the School collaborated with COSMOS, Mysuru, to conduct a tethered helium balloon experiment, titled "What's Up There?" on Jan. 29.

This experiment demonstrated how a high-altitude balloon can be used to determine atmospheric conditions using sensors and radio transmission/reception.

The balloon instruments carried a payload from IIA and a payload developed by the K-12 Learning Events team of Excelsoft. The programme included talks by Dr. Niruj Mohan, Outreach Director of IIA and Dr. Margarita Safonova, DST Women Scientist, IIA.

Students from Excel Public School and other Schools and Colleges of Mysuru participated in the event.

College English Theatre Fest concludes today

Scenes from the play 'La Violentia' enacted by the students of St. Joseph's B.Ed College as part of College English Theatre Festival at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar yesterday. Picture extreme right shows the students of CRESTA School of Management, Science and Arts staging the play 'The Merchant of Venice.'

Mysuru, Feb. 5- The first play of the College English Theatre Festival's second day yesterday was 'La Violentia' by the students of St. Joseph's B.Ed College.

Written by one of the students, the play highlighted the theme of violence through the history of literature, from Cane and Abel, right through to the most recent writings. It even addressed present day issues, where violence has unfortunately become commonplace, such as stifling of non-violent protests, sexual violence and police high-handedness. The representation of Violence in the form of a person was a wonderful theatrical piece of work. Two actors played Violence alternately. Violence's costume was very apt, and the movements and actions, as well as the voice, perfectly brought out the sadism whenever a scene of violence was enacted.

The acting and use of properties was admirable. Good music and lighting added to the mood and overall appeal of the play.

In the second play of the day, the students of CRESTA School of Management, Science and Arts enacted excerpts from Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice.'

The play began with a worried merchant Antonio wondering why his ships with merchandise had not arrived yet. His friends come to comfort him and one of them, Bassanio, asks him for a loan that he needs to woo the wealthy Portia. Since Antonio has not got his merchandise yet and therefore doesn't have any money to lend his friend, he suggests that Bassanio take a loan from the Jewish moneylender Shylock, on Antonio's guarantee; Shylock asks for a pound of flesh if the loan cannot be repaid, to which Antonio agrees, being sure that he'll have enough money as soon as his ships arrive. Bassanio successfully woos Portia, but is later not able to repay the loan to Shylock, because Antonio's ships are wrecked at sea. The clever Portia, who is also a lawyer, manages to get Antonio out of trouble. The play could have benefited from more attention to emotions by the actors, as well as to costumes.

The last play of the day was by the students of University College of Fine Arts. They staged the play 'One Dark Night' by Marion Hayes.

It is set in USA after II World War and highlights the problems of child labour and poverty. Beginning with a short documentary on the problem, the play describes the turmoil of the times through one family. The man of the house is busy trying to perfect his invention of a spinning machine that would help increase output and at the same time prevent child labour. After sending the children to bed, his wife tries to convince him to give up his idea. But he is adamant. He has to work secretly at night, so that people in the village do not get to know. The people are worried that mechanisation would steal their jobs from them and are furious when they find out about the machine in the making. They barge into the house and destroy his machine but do not find the secret part.

Under very good direction, the play made full use of the stage, with excellent use of properties and good costumes. The movements and masks of the 'dark' characters enhanced the conflict and overall effect of the play. Kudos to the team!

The concluding day of the College English Theatre Festival, organised by Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF) at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar, will feature staging of play 'Dr. Faustus' by St. Philomena's College at 5 pm and 'The Refund' by Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) at 7 pm today (Feb. 5).

The play 'One Dark Night' being presented by the students of University College of Fine Arts.

Railway Budget: Mysuru Division gets Rs. 920 cr.

15 Railway Stations to be redeveloped under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

All broad-gauge routes to be fully electrified by December 2023

Mysuru, Feb. 5 (MK&BCT)- A poll-bound Karnataka has received a budget outlay of Rs. 7,561 crore for Railway projects and notably, the Mysuru Railway Division has been allotted Rs. 920 crore, one of the highest allocation so far, to clear many pending projects.

Speaking to reporters on Friday, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Rahul Agarwal said that the funds will enhance connectivity and mobility across the Mysuru Division. The interaction with the media was organised at the DRM Office after the press conference by Railway Minister Ashwin Vaishnaw.

The Minister said that the projects that were sanctioned for Karnataka include new rail lines being executed by South Western Railway (SWR) for which Rs. 2,423 crore has been allocated and Rs. 1,529 crore has been provided for track-doubling projects. Vaishnaw said that the

average annual outlay between 2009 and 2014 for the State stood at Rs. 835 crore. "This year's budget is a nine-time increase over that," he said.

"As many as 51 stations in Karnataka would be developed under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme and Vande Bharat trains would run between Hubballi and Bengaluru and Hydrogen-powered trains would be tested. In the next financial year, 300 trains would be replaced with new sets of trains," he added.

Vande Bharat speed

On the speed of Vande Bharat train operated between Chennai and Mysuru via Bengaluru that at present runs at a speed of 75-77 km per hour like Shatabdi Express, SWR General Manager Sanjeev Kishore said that they had an action plan to run the train at 125 km per hour. By June, the tracks will be upgraded substantially and the travel time will be reduced by 10 to 20 minutes. Breaking down the budget further, Rahul Agarwal said all broad-gauge routes in Mysuru Division will be fully electrified by Dec. 2023. "Out of 1132 km, 499 km of track electrification has been completed. We will complete electrification of 271 km by March this year and the remaining 363 km will be electrified by Dec. 2023," he added.

Under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, 15 Railway Stations in Mysuru Division — Chamarajanagar, Sakleshpur, Subramanya Road, Tiptur, Arsikere, Sagara Jambugaru, Shivamogga Town, Harihar, Ranebennur, Talaguppa, Chitradurga, Bantwal, Hassan, Chikkamagalur and Davangere — will be developed and each station will receive Rs. 8 crore to Rs. 10 crore for improving passenger amenities.

Railway Station expansion

On the expansion of Mysuru City Railway Station where three additional platforms will be built at a cost of Rs. 395 crore for which PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation in June 2022, Rahul Agarwal said that the project entails relocation and resettling the existing staff from the Railway Quarters to a new place.

"We are looking at expanding congested City Railway Station and there is a proposal to utilise the space at present occupied by Staff Quarters beginning near the CFTRI Gate Railway Station entrance from Vani Vilas Water Works on KRS Road till the Railway Colony. The Quarters have to be demolished and before that, the present occupants have to be resettled," he said.

"We are already scouting for other Central Government Departments in city whose quarters are vacant so that some occupants can be relocated. Once the demolition is complete and the area is made plain, the Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) tender has to be floated. This will take time," the DRM added.

Siblings shine in National Karate Championship

Gahan Shastry and Gandharvika Shastry

Laiba Khayum and Mohammed Jinan

Mysuru, Feb. 5- **Gandharvika Shastry and Gahan Shastry** Sister-Brother Duo, Black Belt and Brown Belt karatekas from Mysuru respectively, practising IMSKA Karate style under Hanshi N.G. Sivadas, have bagged 1st place both in Individual Kata and Kumite events at the 29th National-level Karate Championship organised by Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Karate-Do, in association with IMSKA held at University of Mysore Gymnasium Hall recently.

Gandharvika Shastry and Gahan Shastry are the children of Dr. Rohitha Eswer and Rashmi Rohitha and are studying in Pramati Hill View Academy.

Another Sister-Brother Duo, **Laiba Khayum and Mohammed Jinan** too excelled in the 22nd Shorin Kai National Karate Championship 2023 held at the University Gymnasium Hall, Mysuru, recently.

While Laiba Khayum won first place in Kumite and third place in individual kata U-11 years brown belt category, Mohammed Jinan won second place in individual kata under 13 years brown belt category. Both are trained under Sensei Rajendra Prasad.

Laiba Khayum and Mohammed Jinan are the children of K.M. Khayum, Centre Head, KEONICS Computer Training Institute, N.S. Road and M. Safeena Shanaz, Principal of MES First Grade College, Udayagiri, Mysuru.

City swimmer wins four gold medals in Nationals

S. Thanya posing at the swimming pool and with her medals and trophy.

Mysuru, Feb. 5- S. Thanya from Mysuru, who represented South Zone in CBSE National Swimming Championship 2023 held at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Swimming Pool, Rajkot, Gujarat, from Jan. 21 to 24, won four Gold Medals and secured Individual Championship in the U-14 Girls category.

The 13-year-old Thanya participated in the following 4 events and secured first place in all the events and Secured Individual Championship by 28 points:

1) 100 M Breaststroke with the timing 1:21:62; **2)** 50 M Breaststroke with the timing 37:95; **3)** 100M Butterfly with the timing 1:09:82 and **4)** 200 M Medley with the timing 2:37:35

Thanya is trained under Pavan Kumar of Global Sports Association, J.P. Nagar Swimming Pool, Mysuru.

An 8th std. student of Sri Sharada Public School, Mysuru, Thanya is the daughter of S.P. Shadakshari and N. Shwetha.

Mysuru MMA Coach to lead team India at Belgrade World Championship

Mysuru, Feb. 5- Kru. Vikram, Founder-Director of Academy of Martial Science (AMS), Mysuru, will be one of the Head Coaches for Senior and Junior MMA World Championships that is going to be held at Stark Arena in the city of Belgrade, Serbia, between Feb. 11 and 18.

Kru. Vikram

The Championship is organised by Serbian MMA Federation under the sanction of International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF). A total of 50 countries and 600 athletes are expected to compete across various weight divisions. A total of 6 Athletes, 6 Officials and 2 Coaches will form the Indian Contingent led by MMA India President Shariff Bapu. The team departs to Belgrade on Feb. 10 from Mumbai.

Powerlifters excel

Seen are P.N. Ganesh Prasad, Fakruddin - official and world strong man title holder, M.D. Sreenivasa Prasad and Lakshmidevi - Secretary of Karnataka Powerlifters Federation (RAW).

Mysuru, Feb. 5- The following powerlifters from Mysuru have bagged medals in the Indian National Powerlifting, Bench Press and Deadlift Championships (RAW) 2022-2023 conducted by National Powerlifters Federation (India) at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh under the aegis of Powerlifters Association, Andhra Pradesh.

M.D. Sreenivasa Prasad (62 years - M-3 Category) - Gold medal in Bench Press (82.5-kg), silver medal in Deadlift (115-kg) and bronze medal in Powerlifting (297.5-kg).

P.N. Ganesh Prasad (49 years - M-1 Category)- Bronze medal in Bench Press (80-kg).

Team Karnataka won more than 50 medals in the event.

The prize-winning athletes are seen with their coach Dr. Pinakin Ayare and trainer Chetan Prasad.

Mysuru, Feb. 5- In the recently held Mysuru District Powerlifting Competition-2023, the following athletes of Vo2max bagged accolades:

M.C. Shwetha bagged 'Best Lifter' award, strongest woman winner of seniors category and gold medal in 63 women's seniors category.

Nikhil Arun Katkar won a gold in sub-juniors and silver in open 105 weight category.

Syed Abdul Rashid won his first ever silver medal in powerlifting in seniors men under 93 kgs category.

The competition was organised by International Powerlifter N. Eshwar from Mysuru.

Mysuru, Feb. 5- Mysore District Powerlifting Association conducted District-level Powerlifting Competition recently at Shivram Sports Ground in Ashokapuram in city. The following athletes of Profitness Health Club, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, trained under C.J. Satish, have secured prizes in various categories:

M.P. Mohan Kumar - 2nd place in 83-kg in Senior Group; **Pradeep Kumar -** 3rd place in 59-kg class in Senior Group; **C.J. Satish-** 3rd place in 66-kg class in Senior Group and 1st place in Master 2 Group; **Vinay -** 1st place in 66-kg class in Junior Group; **Mahanth Gowda -** 1st place in 83-kg class in Senior Group.

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	(S-4)	10 am, 4.05 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.25 pm
Tanuja (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Pramsadesam (Te)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
The Woman King (E)	(S-2)	7.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Nata Bhayankara (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Michel (Ta)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 7.00 pm
Run Baby Run (Ta)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
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Michael (Ta)	: 1.45 pm, 6:00 pm
Tanuja (K)	: 4.10 pm
Nata Bhayankara (K)	: 4.15 pm
Writer Padmabhushan (Te)	: 6.45 pm
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Daman (H)	: 4.10 pm
Avatar: Way of Water (E-3D)	: 5.35 pm
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The Woman King (E)	: 10.00 am, 3.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Knock at the Cabin (E)	: 2.10 pm, 7.50 pm
Michael (Te)	: 10.55 am, 10.15 pm
Michael (Ta)	: 4.35 pm
Run Baby Run (Ta)	: 1.00 pm, 6.55 pm
Writer Padmabhushan (Te)	: 9.15 pm

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Kranti (K)	: 9.25 am, 12 noon, 3.25 pm, 6.50 pm, 10:15 pm
Pathaan (H)	: 11.45 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm 6.15 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
The Woman King (E)	: 12.50 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Michael (Ta)	: 3.00 pm
Michael (Te)	: 9.30 pm
Run Baby Run (Ta)	: 3.50 pm

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	(S-2)	10.00 am, 4.10 pm
	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Pathaan (H)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 4.00 pm
	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	12.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am
The Woman King (E)	(S-3)	9.40 am; (S-4) 7.20 pm
Writer Padmabhushan (Te)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Michael (Te)	(S-4)	10.10 pm

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Pathaan (H)	(S-1)	12.30 pm, 6.20 pm, 9.20 pm
Kranti (K)	(S-3)	12.30 pm, 3.50 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am
The Woman King (E)	(S-1)	9.50 am
	(S-4)	4.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Nata Bhayankara (K)	(S-4)	2.10 pm
Tanuja (K)	(S-4)	7.45 pm
Run Baby Run (Ta)	(S-1)	3.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 5)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru:** 12th anniversary celebrations, stage programme, dignitaries on dais will light the lamp, Kendra President Sridhar Aital presides, Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan and Dr. Narayan Hegde of Apollo Hospital, who is also the President of Uttara Kannada Jilla Samskrutika Sangha, chief guests, **4.30 pm;** Yakshagana 'Daksha Yajna' by Badagutittu students, Uttara Kannada Jilla Samskrutika Sangha premises, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeeta Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** Madhwa-Purandara Namana, Bhajans, **4.30 pm to 5.15 pm;** Discourse on 'Vyasa Sahityakke Dasara Koduge' by Pt. Sri Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm;** Interaction and Music Programme by 'Sri Jagannatha Dasaru' film team, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pandit Aniruddhachar Pandurangi, temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF):** English Theatre Festival for College students, staging of play 'Dr. Faustus' by St. Philomena's College, **5 pm;** Staging of play 'The Refund' by VVCE, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.** [Mob: 98451-12667 or 98864-57987]
- **Laya Vidya Pratishtana, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Department:** Valedictory of 15th anniversary celebrations, Sri Arjuna Guruji graces the occasion, Ganabharathi Hon. President Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, H.V. Rajeev and Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru, Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan chief guests, Mysore Royal Family member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar guest of honour; Felicitation to Noted Sugama Sangeetha artiste H.R. Leelavathi, Bharatanatyam exponent Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Mridanga exponent Vid. Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma and Tabla exponent Vid. B.S. Venugopala Raju; **5.30 pm;** 'Laya Lahari' instrumental music programme — Ensemble: B.S. Venugopala Raju, R. Raghunath and S. Nagaraj (Tabla), H.L. Shivashankaraswamy (Mridanga and Konnakol), R. Karthik (Kanjira), S. Srinivasan (Ghata), V.S. Ramesh (Morching), H.L. Anantha Krishnaswamy, Guru Dutt and A. Amogha Varsha (Nadapunja), M. Mahadev (Dholak), M. Narayan (Dolu), R. Rangaswamy (Nagaswara), Karthik Mani (Drums), M. Krishna Chaitanya (Chande), Sandesh and troupe (Tamate), Raghunandan Rao and Anush Shetty (Rhythm pad), Sameer Rao (Bansuri), Dr. Jyotsna Srikanth (Violin), Sangeeth Thomas and Purushotham Kiragasur (Keyboard), Pradeep Kiggal (Bass Guitar) and M.S. Keerthana (Vocals), Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Tanumana Samsthe, Mysuru:** 'Jaga Nadeyali Buddhana Kade' music programme led by singer Lakshmi Ram, Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji of Urilingapeddi Mutt, Mysuru, graces the occasion, Commercial Tax Department Dy. Commissioner Manjunath Sosale inaugurates, former Mayor Purushotham presides, Vishwamythri Buddha Vihar, Ashoka Circle (Ballal Circle), **5.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji's Sahasra Chandra Darshana Shanti Mahotsava, Teppotsava to Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram premises, Nanjangud Road, **6 pm.**
- **Jatre:** Sri Panchashaneshwaraswamy Aradhana Mahotsava and Maleyalada Hatturammana Jatre, cultural programme, children folk dance by senior artiste Raju (Town Brothers Dance School, Mysuru), **6 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Aghaharanandaji speaks on 'Sodara Sanyasigalondige Swami Vivekananda-ru,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music, Veena-Guitar Jugalbandi by Dr. Suma Sudheendra and Vid. Dr. Prakash Sontakke, accompanied by Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. Karthik Bhat on tabla, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Katigalu' (featuring 'Bile Daswala', 'Gali Kati' and 'Maravu' written & directed by teacher G.K. Nandakumar), Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 6)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research:** 13th Convocation, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, RSS Sarkaryavah (Gen. Secretary) delivers Convocation address, Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh will be present, VC Dr. Surinder Singh welcomes, Sri Rajendra Auditorium, **11 am.**
- **National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell, Government of Karnataka, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) and University of Mysore (UoM) NSS:** National Integration Camp, Tumakuru's Ramakrishna Ashram President Swami Veereshananda Saraswathi Maharaj on 'Youth and Swami Vivekananda,' UoM NSS Bhavan, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centre for Philosophy and Indian Culture, University of Mysore (UoM):** Nudi Namana to Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji, releasing of book 'Gruha Balakeya Vastugalu: Badukigondu Adhyatmika Nota,' Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, 'Nudi Namana' by Sri Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Ashrama-Tumakuru President Sri Veereshananda Saraswathi Swamiji and former UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Acting UoM VC Prof. H. Rajashekar presides, retd. Librarian Dr. C.P. Ramashesha speaks about the book, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pandit Aniruddhachar Pandurangi, temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Yellammatayi Temple:** Sri Yellammatayi 19th annual Puja Mahotsava, special puja, prasada viniyoga, #822, Sri Rajarajeshwari Nilaya, 11th Cross, Ramanuja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** As part of Mahashivaratri celebrations, Dwadasha Jyotirlingagala Punyadarshana, **6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Manoniyantranakkagi Atmajnana' by BK Shivaleela, vacant site, opposite Sumitra Silk, Chaduranga Road, Ramakrishnanagar I-Block; Cultural programme, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

Talk on 'Home Remedies'

Mysuru, Feb. 5- Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, has organised a talk by Senior General Physician Dr. Omprakash on 'Home Remedies' *(Mane Maddu)* to keep good health and sound body with healthy food, particularly for senior citizens.

Dr. Omprakash

The programme will be held tomorrow (Feb. 6) at 5 pm at Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana of the Council. Council President Dr. H.M. Nagaraj will preside. [Mob: 98808-05994]

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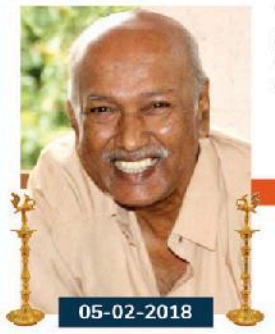

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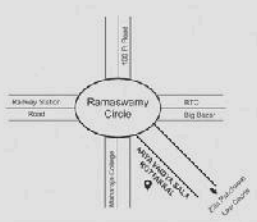

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